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COLLISION PROFILE AND METHOD OF ADJUSTING
THE COLLISION PROFILE

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1:

The relevance of the above description of blending tool 16 to the manufacture of electrophotographic, electrostatic or similar toners is demonstrated by the following description of a typical toner manufacturing process. A typical polymer based toner is produced by melt-mixing the heated polymer resin with a pigment in an extruder, such as a Weiner Pfeider ZSK-53™, whereby the pigment is dispersed in the polymer. After the resin has been extruded, the resin mixture is reduced in size by any suitable method including those known in the art. Such reduction is aided by the brittleness of most toners which causes the resin to fracture when impacted. This allows rapid particle size reduction in pulverizers or